

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 are pending in the current application, with claims 2, 3, 22, and 23 cancelled. In an Office Action dated May 29, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,348,700 ("Ellenbogen"); and rejected claims 20 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellenbogen. Claims 3-19 and claims 23-39 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of base claim and any intervening claims.

Based on the allowed claims, the claims are now organized as follows:

Claim 1 is amended to include the elements and limitations of objected-to claim 3 and intervening claim 2. Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled. Claims 4 and 5 are amended to depend from claim 1 and no longer depend from cancelled claim 3.

Currently amended claim 6 is objected-to claim 6 amended to include the limitations of base claim 1 and is now in independent form.

New claims 41 – 43 are claims 18 – 20 rewritten to depend from currently amended claim 6.

Currently amended claim 15 is objected-to claim 15 amended to include the limitations of base claim 1 and is now in independent form.

New claims 44 – 46 are claims 18 – 20 rewritten to depend from currently amended claim 15.

Claim 21 is amended to include the elements and limitations of objected-to claim 23 and intervening claim 22. Claims 22 and 23 are cancelled. Claims 24 and 25 are amended to depend from claim 21 and no longer depend from cancelled claim 23.

Currently amended claim 26 is objected-to claim 26 amended to include the limitations of base claim 21 and is now in independent form.


New claims 47 – 49 are claims 38 – 40 rewritten to depend from currently amended claim 26.

Currently amended claim 35 is objected-to claim 35 amended to include the limitations of base claim 21 and is now in independent form.

New claims 50 – 52 are claims 38 – 40 rewritten to depend from currently amended claim 35.

In Applicant's representative's opinion, all of the claims remaining in the current application are clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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